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II. REPLIES FROM ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

A. United Nations

Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Office at Vienna

At its thirty-fifth session, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted a draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women" and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council adopted it as resolution 1991/19, which constitutes the mandate for the Centre's future activities on behalf of Palestinian women.

B. Specialized agencies

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

In accordance with decision 4.2.1. adopted by the Executive Board at its 134th session, in September 1990 the Director-General launched an appeal to member States and foundations to contribute to the special fund opened at UNESCO in order to provide fellowships for students from the occupied territories. He also launched an appeal to 89 universities linked to the United Nations network "to grant research and further training fellowships to Palestinian researchers and lecturers in the various areas of science and technology". The Novosibirsk State University (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and the University of Khartoum (Sudan) have offered fellowships. An amount of $US 183,960 has so far been allocated under UNESCO's Participation Programme for 1990-1991 to enable some 22 Palestinians to study at universities abroad.